

**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 18, 2013**

The Hollywood Park City Council met in a regular session on June 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Mayor David Ortega called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Sudie Sartor, Steve Phillips, Chris Fails, Matt Amerman and Holly McBrayer. Also present: Finance Director-Adelina Mardegain, Deputy Police Chief-Joe Quintero, Fire Chief- John Butrico, City Attorney- Michael Brennan and City Secretary-Janice Alamia. Absent: Police Chief-Steve Kwiecien.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

The Mencios celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary over the weekend in which Mayor Ortega presented them with a Proclamation. The Mencios' came forward to take a picture with the Mayor and Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ MAYOR AND CITY EMPLOYEES:**

1. Fire Report: Chief Butrico spoke to the Council concerning an EMS call and recognized firefighters Josh Bates, Justin Leonard, Wes Zimmerman and Erik D'Aloise.
2. Police Report: Deputy Chief Quintero spoke about unlocked doors in the neighborhood. Mayor Ortega recognized Officer Bass for stopping and engaging residents. CM Phillips asked for a written policy on vehicle towing in Hollywood Park in the next council packet.
3. Financial report: Mayor asked everyone to be judicious with the tax payer's money since we are nearing the fiscal year end.
4. City Secretary report: Janice Alamia referenced the ISO letter from the Fire Department that would possibly benefit the residents insurance.
5. City Attorney report: None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 5/21/13.
2. Accept the Financial Statements as of 5/31/13.

CM Amerman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. CM Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss HB1511, to provide an update and the legislative progress for the Sales and Use Tax flexibility effort initiated by Hollywood Park.
  - a. Citizen Comments: None
  - b. Discussion: CM Amerman stated this bill would have given us the ability to control our sales and use tax at our discretion without state mandated restrictions. Unfortunately the Governor vetoed the bill. CM Amerman stated

the Governor took it upon himself to veto a bill that had unanimous support in the House; 29 in favor of and 2 against in the Senate. CM Amerman stated his prayer is that the citizens of Hollywood Park understand that actions speak louder than words. Governor Perry's veto was a stake in the heart of small government and the control of funds by local cities and citizens that deserve it. He said he was obviously very disappointed. CM Amerman thanked everyone's efforts with this issue.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss /Take Possible Action to amend the Town of Hollywood Park's Personnel Policy Manual regarding section 7.07 Longevity and section 8.03 Vacation Leave indicated in exhibits "A" and "B".
  - a. Citizen Comments: None
  - b. Discussion: City Secretary, Janice Alamia stated to the Council that she brought this before the Council for clarity issues. In these personnel policy sections, it refers to first day of employment rather than first day of full-time employment. Many times an employee will start out as part-time and then advance to full-time status; therefore the personnel policy manual should be revised to reflect the appropriate employment status. CM Phillips made the motion and CM Fails seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Discuss/give update on status of Memorial Park after heavy rains.
  - a. Citizen Comments: None
  - b. Discussion: Mayor Ortega stated that after our recent heavy rains Chief Butrico noticed we had a lot of crushed granite that moved into the grass area in some areas. Public Works raked out as much crushed granite from the grass as they could. We want to minimize this in the future as much as we can. The City Engineer came out and suggested placing larger rocks in between the heavy large stones to slow the water down. The City Engineer asked the contractor we used on Memorial Park previously, Wagner Construction, to see if they would come and do the work gratis. They agreed and will be doing the work.

#### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

- Rita Van Autreve-326 Donella: Ms. Van Autreve stated that after the recent rains her home was left in shambles and there is not sufficient drainage in her area of Hollywood Park.
- Arturo Villareal-224 Fleetwood: Mr. Villareal stated, since he is a drainage expert he is willing to offer his services to Ms. Van Autreve to see if he can help.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, Mayor Ortega adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:44pm

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED (✓)  
CORRECTED ( ) THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2013.



Mayor, David L. Ortega

**ATTEST:**



City Secretary, Janice Alamia